

KING READY FOR CROWNING.

His Improvement Is Steady and London Prepares for the Big Event.

WILL LEAVE WEDNESDAY.

Ceremony Will Be Shortened and Doctors to Attend at Westminster—King Edward Gives Audience To-Day.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—King Edward enters on his last week of convalescence before the coronation with good prospects of going through the ceremony without special fatigue. The event is set down for next Saturday.

The King will come to London from Cowes on Wednesday and then have three days in which to recuperate from the tiring train journey.

His health has been greatly benefited by the recent cruises which he has taken aboard the royal yacht, and it is stated to-day that his improvement has been so marked that it is confidently expected he will go through the crowning without losing strength.

To Shorten Service. The King's doctors, however, have suggested that it is well to cut the coronation ceremony to an hour, so that the royal principal should run no unnecessary risk.

A new series of rehearsals have begun at the Abbey, with dignified movements and recitals, and these are far more impressive than anything connected with the street spectacle.

Street Preparations. New preparations for the coronation are proceeding rather mechanically. The erection of the familiar street barriers, the cleaning and leveling of the roads and the rearranging of decorations attract little attention.

KING GIVES AUDIENCE ON ROYAL YACHT.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Aug. 2.—King Edward spent most of the day on the deck of the Victoria and Albert. Several distinguished visitors were received in audience this afternoon. His Majesty appeared to be in good health and spirits.

BIG FIGHT OPENS ON "NICK" MILLER

Prominent Democrats of Richmond Borough Select Millionaire W. J. Burlee as Their Candidate for Leadership.

As the outcome of ex-Congressman Nick Miller's fight last winter when Perry Belmont sought to re-enter Congress via Staten Island Miller's leadership of the Democrats is threatened.

At a meeting of prominent Democrats of Richmond Borough held a few nights ago it was decided to wrest the leadership from Miller at the primaries next month and select a much younger man for the place. It was decided to request William J. Burlee, a millionaire ship builder of Port Richmond, to stand as Miller's opponent. Mr. Burlee consented and now the fight against Miller is on.

Staten Island is all worked up over the announcement that Billy Burlee, as he is familiarly known, is out to defeat Miller. There are prospects in the minds of the youths down there of a campaign along the lines of the one being conducted by "Big Bill" Devery in the Ninth Assembly District. They are doomed to disappointment, for Mr. Burlee is going to conduct his campaign in a quiet manner. Of course, there may be a picnic or two with the usual free distribution of beer, but nothing on a large scale.

FALSE TEETH SET FIRE.

Dentist Laid Plate of Red-Hot Ores on a Board and Went to Sleep.

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 2.—A set of false teeth caused a fire at the home of Dr. W. H. Gelston, a dentist, at Thirtieth and Westfield avenue, this city, last night, and the dentist had a narrow escape from being suffocated.

Dr. Gelston placed a red-hot plate of false teeth on a board on which he was and went to his private office to read until the plate cooled off.

He fell asleep and was aroused by loud knocks at the front door. On awakening he found the office filled with smoke. He managed to reach the street after an encounter with a fireman. A fireman discovered smoke issuing from the house. He aroused the neighbors. While the latter aroused the dentist the motorman called out the Fire Department, which extinguished the blaze. The damage is about \$1,500, covered by insurance.

The Stiebeling Outing. To-morrow the John Stiebeling Republican organization of the Twelfth Assembly District will have their annual outing and games at Zenden's Casino, College Point, L. I. Handsome prizes will be awarded to the winners at bowling and other games. There will also be a match game of baseball between the married and single men who are members of the organization. The committee, consisting of Jacob Schloss, C. J. Fortman and Michael Kopp, have worked hard to make the affair a success.

WHITELAW REID HOME FROM MISSION; CROKER'S NIECE TELLS OF WANTAGE LIFE.

Miss Frances Jenkins Says the Former Tammany Chief is Busy with His Estate, but Sighs for the Puff of an "L" Engine.

There was a long list of famous passengers on the American liner Philadelphia, which arrived to-day from Southampton. At the head was Whitelaw Reid, Special Envoy from the United States to the coronation of King Edward. Mr. Reid was accompanied by Mrs. Reid and Miss Reid. All seemed in the best of health. Mr. Reid's first words on landing were a question concerning the health of King Edward. He declined to talk of his mission until after he has called upon President Roosevelt.

Among Mr. Reid's fellow-passengers were actress Ethel Barrymore, James A. Bailey, who returned after remarkable success with the first American circus abroad; Miss Frances Jenkins, niece of Richard Croker, who gave a glimpse of life at Wantage, the former Tammany chief's home in England; Frank Croker, a son of the old leader, and other well-known persons. Pingpong was the favorite amusement on the trip across.

Tells of Life at Wantage. Miss Frances Jenkins told all about a visit to her uncle at Wantage.

"I had a lovely time while I was gone," said Miss Jenkins. "My uncle did everything he could to make my visit a pleasant one and I enjoyed myself immensely. There were horseback rides, boating, golf and other things which go to make one have an enjoyable time."

"My uncle did not ride with me on horseback, as some time ago he was injured by a fall from his horse. There is the prettiest little lake at Wantage and frequently Mr. Croker and I went rowing and sailing. Mr. Croker is very fond of boating. Hardly a day goes by that he is not on the water."

"The newspapers can say all the harsh things they like about my uncle, but he certainly knows how to give a visitor a good time. He is not worrying about politics or anything else. Why, all the time I was at Wantage I never once heard him mention Tammany Hall, Democratic clubs, the police or anything else. He is just enjoying himself, and all of his time is taken up in the management of the estate."

"One night as my uncle and I were sitting on the veranda at Wantage and everything was awfully still, he turned to me suddenly and said: 'I wish I could hear the puffing of an "L" engine.'

"That's all he said during the entire time of my visit which would indicate that he wanted to get back to New York. He personally looks after every detail connected with the management of Wantage and while the papers say he is 'sobering about' and 'retiring', what he really is doing is looking after the dairy farm or the horses or the poultry or something equally simple."

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BEHEADED IN TRAIN WRECK.

Brakeman Thrown Off and Under the Wheels When Train Left Track—Body Badly Mangled.

(Special to The Evening World.)

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 2.—Frank W. Miner, a brakeman living at No. 112 Jackson street, this city, was beheaded in a train wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Waverly this afternoon.

His body was caught by the car wheels and badly mangled. The train jumped the rails and Miner, who was one of the crew, fell off and under the cars.

Miner was thirty-two years old and leaves a family.

NEW GENERAL APPRAISER.

Ex-Judge B. S. Waite Assumes His Duties.

Ex-Judge Byron S. Waite, the newly appointed member of the United States Board of General Appraisers, who takes the place of Charles H. Ham, resigned, to-day took possession of his office in the General Appraiser's Store, at 100 Broadway. Mr. Waite came from Michigan. He went to Yorkers, where he has taken a house and will live.

FLINGS WRONG WOMAN IN CELL

Policeman, According to Prisoner's Story, Insulted, Struck and Then Arrested Her.

HE IS REBUKED IN COURT

Mrs. Cooper Has Many Witnesses to Testify to Her Good Character and None Accuses Her but Alleged Persecutor.

For arresting an apparently respectable woman on a charge of soiling and, according to her story, shamefully abusing her, Policeman Joseph A. Murray, of the East One Hundred and Fourth Street Station, was to-day severely censured by Magistrate Pool in Yorkville Court.

The prisoner was Mrs. Annie Cooper, wife of Frederick Cooper, of No. 246 East Twenty-fifth street, and who is employed by Fiss, Doerr & Carroll.

Mrs. Cooper's character was spoken of in the highest terms by many friends and relatives, who appeared in court in her behalf. Murray has been on the force about a year and bears a good reputation.

Prisoner's Clothes Torn.

When arraigned in court Mrs. Cooper's clothes were torn and bedraggled and her face was red with weeping. She spent the night in a cell in the East Twenty-second street station.

The policeman told Magistrate Pool that the woman had solicited him at Twenty-eighth street and Third avenue last night; that he warned her, but that she persisted, and he arrested her.

Her husband was present with Lawyer W. T. Byrnes, who demanded a rigid investigation, declaring that the arrest was outrageous. Mrs. Josephine Murtha, of No. 633 First avenue, with whom Mrs. Cooper had spent the day yesterday; Mrs. Ellen Monahan, a sister of the prisoner, and others were in court to vouch for Mrs. Cooper.

Between her sons Mrs. Cooper said she had been shopping with Mrs. Murtha, and returning to the home of her sister with Mrs. Murtha, they all spent the evening at the Monahan home.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Mrs. Cooper started for home, going down Third avenue. When she reached Twenty-eighth street, she asserts, she was accosted by Murray, who made an insulting remark to her. She says she told Murray to go about his business or she would have him arrested.

Says He Struck Her. Instead of doing so, she alleges, Murray, who was dressed in citizen's clothes, followed her and began calling her vile names. She protested and Murray slapped her. Mrs. Cooper began to scream and Murray, so she asserts, knocked her to the sidewalk. She then says that Murray grabbed her by the hair and dragged her through the street. Three men rushed up and protested. One of them was Richard Seery, a friend of her husband.

Seery ran for a policeman. Up to that time Murray had not revealed his official identity. When the other policeman came up Murray said he was a policeman and had arrested the woman for soliciting.

On the way to the station, Mrs. Cooper asserts, Murray again assaulted her, slapping her face and hitting her arm until she dropped her purse containing all her money.

Magistrate Pool turned to Murray and sharply asked: "Why did you arrest this woman?"

"I thought I was doing my duty," replied Murray, meekly.

"I don't believe you. You should have been minding your own business," said Magistrate Pool. "You should have known Cooper and his wife since they were children and you are a policeman. You are the custody of her conduct until to-morrow, in order that Seery may be brought into court."

The Corporation Counsel was asked to sue the son for the support of his parents. Last week a Court order was issued compelling the son to pay his parents \$3 a month. Both the old people appeared before the Superintendent to-day and demanded the whole amount.

The old people glared with hostility at one another and asserted their claims vehemently. They said they lived in the same house but in different apartments, as they could not get along together.

Finally the Superintendent gave them \$4 each. When they got out into Twenty-fourth street, old Mr. Cooperman watched his wife trailing along with her. Then he went up to her and offered her his arm for she is very feeble. They then went up Twenty-fourth street arm in arm.

A. C. STERN GETS DIVORCE.

On Wife's Request the Papers in the Suit Are Sealed.

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MAY YOHE HURT BUT BOUND TO MEET STRONG IN PARIS.

Asks Police to Locate the Captain and Gets Refusal—In Changeable Mood.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—May Yohe this morning called in the police to ask them to help her find Putnam Bradley Strong, but Scotland Yard declined to have anything to do with the matter, as she had preferred no charge against Strong. Miss Yohe then made all arrangements to take the 2.30 train for Paris, but abandoned the idea at the last moment.

Miss Yohe, on returning to her hotel this afternoon, tripped as she left her carriage, and fell, badly injuring her knee. She was carried into the hotel and a doctor was called. Notwithstanding the accident, however, Miss Yohe decided that she would leave for Paris to-night.

She is at the Savoy Hotel here, hoping and expecting that Capt. Strong will soon be clasped in her forgiving arms. She is registered as "Lady Francis Hope" and talks freely with the newspaper men and with the usual striking inconsistency. One minute she berates Strong; the next, she says her soul longs for her "Putty" and she is willing to forgive him. Now she says she forebore having him arrested; again she declares it was because her heart ached in sympathy for his mother.

She says Strong had no possible excuse for doing what he did, as she always gave him all the money he wanted, but she added: "I don't think she was ready to forgive him if he would only give her a pretext for so doing."

Letter from Strong. She did not have long to wait for overtures from Strong. She had hardly registered at the Savoy when a mes-

senger from the New Yorker presented her with this letter: "Dear Mary—Excuse the shakiness of my writing. I am nearly crazy. How could you accuse me of stealing? This will be handed to you by a messenger who knows my address, and who will forward any mail or wire. If you love me write or wire. If possible the latter, as a letter may reach me too late. Remember, I am, even until the next world, yours. BRADLEE."

Upon the receipt of this note Miss Yohe hastily wrote: "Come back. I forgive all. MARY."

After sending this Miss Yohe said she hoped Capt. Strong would not turn up at once.

"I am too tired to go through such a strenuous scene as I can easily foresee will take place between us. But I shall ask him to dine with me to-morrow, and if he makes a clean breast of all his wrong-doing I shall forgive and forget, and I'll marry him as soon as Lord Francis Hope gets his divorce."

Dresses for Reunion. In spite of her weariness she dressed herself elaborately in a gorgeous evening gown of blue tulle with duchesse lace, and about her neck was wound a great coil of pearls. She waited in vain, for Strong did not appear. His friend had refused to give Miss Yohe Strong's address, but promised her message would be telegraphed to him. From this it is inferred Strong is in Paris, awaiting word from London, as he is doubtful of her attitude in the matter of criminal proceedings against him.

He has little to fear, as his failure to come almost put the woman in hysterics. "Oh, why can't I go to him where he is? Where is he? He may be dead. He can have anything I have if he will only come back. I don't see how I can spend another night in this miserable place, but I suppose I must."

His friends here intended to go to the United States and never to see Miss Yohe again. It is probable that he has changed his mind, and that a reconciliatory meeting between him and Miss Yohe is only a matter of a few hours.

MILES AT OYSTER BAY, AND PRESIDENT MAY SEEK PEACE.

Lieutenant-General, on Visit to the Hoyts, Will Call at Sagamore Hill.

(Special to The Evening World.) OYSTER BAY, Aug. 2.—Enemies of the President are closing in upon him. Lieut.-Gen. Miles is visiting Oyster Bay this afternoon. Rear-Admiral Schley is at Great Neck, William Jennings Bryan is cruising about Lewis Nixon's yacht. Is the split between President Roosevelt and Lieut.-Gen. Miles to be amicably adjusted?

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